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SUBJECT: GRADUATING ANTI-DRUG CADETS INCREASE POLICE
PRESENCE IN AREAS OF RECENT NARCOTERRORIST ATTACKS

REF: A. 2005 LIMA 5203
[1](#)B. 2005 LIMA 2254

[1](#)1. On 12/30 two hundred cadets graduated from anti-drug police academies in Mazamari and Santa Lucia. This second graduating class from the two academies doubles to 400 the number of new counternarcotic (CN) police officers in 2005 (Ref B). These officers are recruited from coca-growing regions and will work in the CN units of the Peruvian National Police's (PNP) Antidrug Force (DIRANDRO). After three years of CN duty in coca source zones, the officers will assume general police responsibilities in their home communities. The graduating class included seven Ashaninka, indigenous community members. NAS funds and supports these two schools and a third, new anti-drug academy in Ayacucho.

[1](#)2. With three academies, NAS estimates that 750 new CN police officers will graduate in 2006 to operate in coca source zones. The next 2006 class will include fifty female officers and 20 Ashaninka. (Note: No females have graduated yet from the anti-drug police academies. End Note.)

[1](#)3. Four of the victims of the 12/5 narcoterrorist ambush of DIRANDRO officers (Ref A) were graduates of the Mazamari academy's first class (May 2005). In honor of the fallen officers and to foster "esprit de corp" the recent Mazamari graduating class was named for officer William Quispe Cano and the San Lucia class was named for Oscar Villa Perez. Subsequent graduating classes from the three schools will be named after the remaining three fallen officers: Henry Munoz Capcha, Mario Montes Huaripata, and Emer Campos Paucar Caja.

[1](#)4. Comment: The graduates from these CN academies form a base for the GOP's continued battle against narcotraffickers and terrorists linked to narcotics. Important spillover effects of these schools and their recruitment of local youth are that they stimulate local economies and build constructive relationships between communities and police. The academies and their graduates are the result of years of NAS work and investment which should pay dividends through a continued police presence in these source zones.

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